

STATE of MINNESOTA

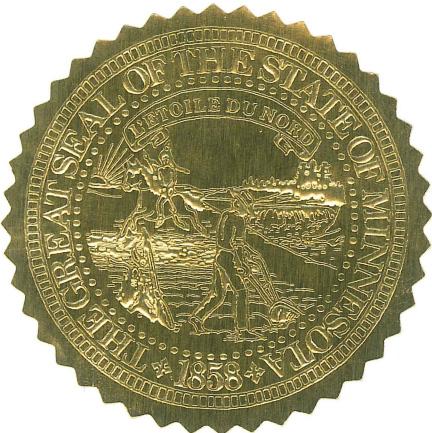
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Scholar, established the observance of African American History, with the view to revealing the contributions, achievements, and involvement of African American people in the development of our American Democracy; and
- WHEREAS: The history of some of us is the history of all of us, and our history is what shapes us as a state and nation; and
- WHEREAS: We must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of our citizens who struggled with adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed impossible to win, and continue to fight for equality and the American Dream; and
- WHEREAS: We see African Americans engaged throughout our society as friends and neighbors, scholars, teachers, business people, community leaders, and contributors to our Minnesota quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: The month of February gives us a chance to honor the many heroes who are unknown and unnamed, who have contributed to the struggle for freedom and justice for all; and
- WHEREAS: Black History Month encourages all Minnesotans to come together, reflect on our collective past, and reveal its impact on present conditions; and
- WHEREAS: As a state, we can continue to work together to guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2016, as:


BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of January.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE